

Belmont Disability Access Commission

Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2006

Present: Ray Glazier, Laurie Graham, Janet Macdonald, Fran Williams (Associate).

Absent: Kathy Allen, Carole Williams, Joan Hantman, Patricia Livingstone-Espiet

A quorum was not present

The meeting was called to order in Conference Room 1 of the Belmont Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

Minutes of the August 3, 2006 meeting: approval was tabled as a quorum was not present

Ray asked members to review spreadsheet with contact information to update if necessary. He will send to full committee for review

Discussion of Town Council response to question of alternate/associate members. Original charge does not provide for alternate members nor are any members listed as such on town website. Ray will ask Town Counsel to help draft a letter to go to Town Meeting to request a change in the by-law.

Ray will also request that Fran Williams be made a full member rather than an associate member.

Discussion of Waverly Oaks Project. Belmont Housing Trust has asked the Commission to write a letter of support for proposal. Commission members feel that the plan is too limited with only 2 out of 40 units being fully handicapped accessible. Judie Feins of BHT will send an update of architect's response to BDAC concerns and expressed interest in bringing architect to a BDAC meeting.

Review of Consent Agreement. Still remain many items not completed

Discussion of Video Project. Ray has suggested several dialog changes to Joe as well as some "voice-overs" to existing footage. Also need more male voices explaining segments rather than males appearing as bad guys. Ray asked that someone assist him at his home with going through notes for a memo to Joe Doyle; Laurie will make arrangements to meet with Ray at his convenience.

Disability Assistance Program: flyers will go out in Light Department bills during the month of October. Laurie has provided the library with a list of books to have available for a display during Disabilities Awareness month in October. Will also have flyers at the library during this time. No new calls to the Assistance line at this time but expect to have some as flyers go out to residents.

Senior Center: Janet Macdonald reported that there has not been any recent activity and that the project seems a long way off.

Wellington Building Committee: Laurie reported that everything is on hold as committee is waiting for updated regulations from the MSBA.

Disability Speakers Bureau: No activity at this time.

New Business: Phyl Solomon contacted Ray to inquire re: his thoughts about grading at the Chenery Courtyard for space between raised herb beds. Ray suggested decking with ½ spaces between planks laid over pebbles.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 9th, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Recorded as understood and respectfully submitted, Laurie Graham, Secretary, pro temp